

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAKE CHARLES DIVISION
HELD IN LAFAYETTE**

STATE OF LOUISIANA ET AL

CIVIL NO. 2:24-CV-00629

VERSUS

JUDGE DAVID C. JOSEPH

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMISSION**

MAGISTRATE JUDGE LEBLANC

**UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS, ET AL**

CIVIL NO. 2:24-CV-00691

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**MINUTES OF COURT:
STATUS CONFERENCE**

Date:	June 17, 2025	Presiding:	Judge David C. Joseph
Court Opened:	9:45 AM	Courtroom Deputy:	Lisa LaCombe
Court Adjourned:	10:47 AM		
Statistical Time:	1:02	Location:	Chambers

APPEARANCES

Daniel H. Blomberg	For	United States Conference of Catholic
Andrea R. Butler		Bishops

Shannon Smitherman	For	Equal Employment Opportunity
		Commission

Benjamin Aguinaga	For	State of Louisiana
Zachary Faircloth		
Caitlin Ann Huettemann		

PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to MEMORANDUM ORDER [Doc. 107] filed in 2:24-cv-00629 and [Doc. 113] filed in 2:24-cv-00691 the Court held an in-person Status Conference in chambers.

The parties discussed motion practice and the remaining issues to be addressed in the related cases.

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After discussion, the Court set briefing deadlines for the Bishops Plaintiffs to file a renewed motion for summary judgment pertaining to their remaining claims. Any motions are to be filed no later than August 22, 2025; any responses will be due on or before September 11, 2025; and any replies are due on or before September 25, 2025. Motions and responses shall not exceed thirty (30) pages, and replies shall not exceed ten (10) pages.

The deadline to appeal the Court's MEMORANDUM ORDER is July 21, 2025. If no appeal is filed, the States of Louisiana and Mississippi intend to file a MOTION TO DECONSOLIDATE and dismiss the remainder of their claims. The Government will not oppose the MOTION TO DECONSOLIDATE.